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SUBJECT: UNITA DENIES CONTACT WITH MPLA

1. UNITA COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT SILVA PORTO HQ AND GIVEN OF OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY (AZAP) JAN. 25 FORMALLY DENIED RUMORED CONTACT BETWEEN UNITA AND MPLA. RESTATED POSITION THAT DIALOGUE WOULD HAVE TO ONCLUDE ALL THREE MOVEMENTS. OPINED THAT IT WOULD BE A PITY IF ANGOLA BECAME A PAWN IN THE DETENTE EXCHANGE BETWEEN SUPERPOWERS. NOTED RUSSO-CUBAN PRESSURE ON UNITA REGIONS OF PORTO AMBOIN, GABELA AND QUIBALA IN A RADIUS OF 60 KMS NORTH OF CELA. SAID THAT, DESPITE THESE PRESSURES, UNITA FORCES HOLDING WELL. EXPRESSED DISMAY THAT

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THE WEST -- PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATE -- WOULD STAND WITH FOLDED

ARMS IN THE FACE OF RUSSO-CUBAN AGGRESSION AIMED AT ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOVIET MILITARY BASE IN ANGOLA. SAID THAT ANGOLAN PEOPLE WILL RESIS

THIS "DIABOLICAL AGGRESSION", THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MOBILIZED AND ARMED AGAINST THIS POSSIBILITY. REGRETTED THAT RADIOS IN SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES DISTORTED THE POLITICO-MILITARY SITUATION IN ANGOLA. JUDGED THAT HISTORY WOULD DEAL SEVERELY WITH THOSE COUNTRIES AND THAT THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE, WITH THEIR AUTHENTIC AFRICN IDEAS, WOULD EMERGE VICTORIOUS.

2. FURTHER ON THE SAME SUBJECT, THE GOZ-SUPPORTED WEEKLY HORIZONS 80 FOR JANUARY 24-31 SAID:

"FOR ITS PART, PRETORIA WAS TO HAVE DECIDED IN THE COURSE OF

LAST WEEK WHETHER TO CONTINUE ITS INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA. RUMOR OF THE IMMINENT SIGNATURE OF AN ACCORD BWTWEEN UNITA AND THE MPLA MAY HAVE DISCOURAGED PRETORIA FROM REMAINING IN ANGOLA.

IT COULD BE THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS TO THE FRONTIER, FURNISHING ARMS TO ITS FRIENDS WHO, ON THEIR OWN, WILL CONTINUE THE WAR AGAINST THE MPLA."

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